

AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated hereafter.

1. (Currently Amended) A portable cellular ~~apparatus~~ telephone, comprising:
an antenna; and

control logic configured to monitor cellular signals detected by said antenna, a plurality of said cellular signals transmitted from remote cellular devices directly to said antenna, said plurality of cellular signals including unique identifiers of said remote cellular devices, said control logic further configured to store said unique identifiers and to receive a request to transmit to a remote cellular device and to make a determination, in response to said request, as to whether a unique identifier of said remote cellular device is stored in said portable cellular ~~apparatus~~ telephone, said control logic further configured to transmit a cellular signal based on said determination.

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ telephone of claim 1, further comprising:

a lens; and

a conversion mechanism configured to convert light received via said lens into digital data,

wherein said control logic is configured to include said digital data in said cellular signal transmitted by said control logic.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ telephone of claim 1, wherein said control logic is configured to transmit a service request signal to a cellular tower.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ telephone of claim 1, wherein said control logic is further configured to include a cellular tower identifier in said cellular signal transmitted by said control logic, if said control logic fails to determine in said determination that said remote cellular device is identified by one of said signals detected by said antenna.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ telephone of claim 1, wherein said control logic is further configured to define said cellular signal such that, if said control logic determines in said determination that said remote cellular device is identified by one of said signals detected by said antenna, any cellular tower that receives said cellular signal ignores said cellular signal.

6. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ telephone of claim 1, wherein said control logic is configured to define said cellular signal transmitted by control logic such that, if said control logic determines in said determination that said remote device is identified by one of said cellular signals detected by said antenna, said remote cellular device is responsive to said cellular signal transmitted by said control logic.

7. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ telephone of claim 6, wherein said control logic is configured to define said cellular signal transmitted by said control logic such that, if said control logic determines in said determination that said remote cellular device is not identified by one of said cellular signals detected by said antenna, a cellular tower is responsive to said cellular signal transmitted by said control logic.

8. (Currently Amended) A portable cellular ~~apparatus~~ telephone for transmitting cellular signals, comprising:

an antenna; and

control logic configured to transmit, via said antenna, a cellular signal that identifies a remote cellular device, said control logic further configured to make a determination as to whether said remote cellular device is within a transmission range of said ~~apparatus~~ portable cellular telephone, said determination made by searching a list of cellular device identifiers and locating in said list one of said identifiers corresponding to said remote cellular device, said control logic further configured to define said cellular signal based on said determination.

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ telephone of claim 8, ~~wherein said apparatus further comprises~~ further comprising:

a lens; and

a conversion mechanism configured to convert light received via said lens into digital data,

wherein said control logic is further configured to include said data in said cellular signal.

10. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ telephone of claim 8, wherein said control logic is configured to transmit a service request signal to a cellular tower.

11. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ telephone of claim 8, wherein said control logic is configured to detect whether said ~~apparatus~~ telephone has received a cellular signal transmitted from said remote cellular device and to make said determination based on whether said control logic has detected said cellular signal transmitted from said remote cellular device.

12. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ telephone of claim 8, wherein said control logic is configured to transmit said cellular signal directly to said remote cellular device, if said control logic determines in said determination that said remote cellular device is within said transmission range.

13. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ telephone of claim 8, wherein said remote cellular device, based on said cellular signal, is configured to interface, with a user of said remote cellular device, data included in said cellular signal.

14. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ telephone of claim 8, wherein said control logic is configured to define said cellular signal such that a cellular tower is responsive to said cellular signal, if said control logic determines in said determination that said remote cellular device is not within said transmission range.

15. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ telephone of claim 14, wherein said control logic is configured to define said cellular signal such that said cellular tower is non-responsive to said cellular signal, if said control logic determines in said determination that said remote cellular device is within said transmission range.

16. (Currently Amended) A cellular transmission method, comprising the steps of:

monitoring a plurality of cellular signals transmitted directly from remote cellular devices to an antenna of a portable cellular ~~communication apparatus~~ telephone, said signals including unique identifiers of said remote cellular devices;

storing said unique identifiers of said remote cellular devices;

detecting a transmission request at said cellular ~~communication apparatus~~ telephone;

determining, in response to said detecting step, whether a unique identifier of ~~said a~~ remote cellular device is stored in said cellular ~~apparatus~~ telephone; and

transmitting, based on said determining step, a cellular signal from said cellular ~~communication apparatus~~ telephone to said remote cellular communication device identified by said transmission request.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising the step of transmitting a request for service signal from said cellular ~~communication apparatus~~ telephone to a cellular tower.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of defining said cellular signal transmitted in said transmitting step such that said cellular tower is non-responsive to said cellular signal.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising the steps of:

capturing an image via said cellular ~~communication apparatus~~ telephone;

defining said image in data; and

including said data in said cellular signal transmitted in said transmitting step.

20. (Currently Amended) A cellular transmission method, comprising the steps of:

receiving cellular service request signals at a portable cellular ~~communication apparatus~~ telephone;

detecting a transmission request at said cellular ~~communication apparatus~~ from a remote cellular device telephone;

searching a list of cellular device identifiers corresponding to said cellular service request signals received in said receiving step; and

transmitting a cellular signal from said cellular ~~communication apparatus~~ telephone to said a remote cellular communication device identified by said transmission request if said identifier of said remote cellular device is located in said list in said searching step.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, further comprising the step of transmitting a service request signal from said cellular ~~communication apparatus~~ telephone to a cellular tower.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, further comprising the steps of:
capturing an image via said cellular ~~communication apparatus~~ telephone;
defining said image in data; and
including said data in said cellular signal transmitted in said transmitting step.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20, wherein said determining step includes the step of determining whether said cellular ~~communication apparatus~~ telephone has received a signal transmitted from said remote cellular communication device.

24. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ telephone of claim 1 wherein said monitored cellular signals include service request signals received directly from said remote cellular devices.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ telephone of claim 1, wherein a plurality of said cellular signals are from a tower ~~and wherein said cellular apparatus is portable~~.

27. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ telephone of claim 1, wherein said control logic is further configured to store in memory a list of entries corresponding to said monitored cellular signals.

28. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ telephone of claim 26, wherein said control logic is further configured to search said list of monitored cellular signals for an entry corresponding to said remote cellular device.

29. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ telephone of claim 28, wherein if said control logic locates an entry corresponding to said remote cellular device, said control logic is further configured to transmit a signal directly to said remote cellular device.

30. (New) A portable cellular telephone, comprising:
memory;
a microphone configured to convert sounds into voice data; and
control logic configured to monitor cellular signals received by said portable cellular telephone directly from remote cellular telephones and to store identifiers from said cellular signals in said memory, each of said identifiers identifying a respective one of said remote cellular telephones, said control logic configured to make, in response to a request for establishing a communication session with a particular cellular telephone, a determination as to whether said particular cellular telephone is within a transmission range of said portable cellular telephone based on whether an identifier of said particular cellular telephone is stored in said memory, said control logic further configured to transmit, during said communication session, said voice data directly to said particular cellular telephone based on said determination if said particular cellular telephone is determined to be within said transmission range.

31. (New) The portable cellular telephone of claim 30, wherein said particular cellular telephone has a microphone configured to convert sounds into a set of voice data, and wherein said particular cellular telephone is configured to transmit said set of voice data to said portable cellular telephone during said communication session.

32. (New) The portable cellular telephone of claim 31, wherein said portable cellular telephone is configured to receive said set of voice data from a cellular base station.

33. (New) The portable cellular telephone of claim 30, control logic is configured to maintain a list of identifiers that identify remote cellular telephones within said transmission range, said control logic configured to store each of said identifiers from said cellular signals within said list and to analyze said list, in response to said request, to make said determination.